



Order of Service 12.17.2023
Third Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High —arr. Lau

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements—
Pastor Perry Hines

Lighting of the Advent Candle—Nicole Radford
Advent III We Wait with Joy
Responsive Reading: Luke 2:10-11; Psalm 30:11-12

LEADER: The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.”
ALL: I bring you good news of great joy that will be for
all the people.

LEADER: Today in the town of David a Savior has been
born to you;
ALL: He is Christ the Lord.

LEADER: You turned my wailing to dancing;
ALL: You removed my sackcloth and clothed
me with joy,
PASTOR: That my heart may sing to you and not be
silent.
ALL: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Bride: Nicole Radford

LIGHTING RESPONSE AND PRAYER: Romans 15:13

LEADER: The candle of joy prepares us for Christ’s
coming.
ALL: Our hearts glow with the light of joy.

LEADER: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: We wait in joy. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Opening Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful (CCLI Song # 31054)

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Verse 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

KIDS Central Music Program

Offering

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming
—16th C. German carol/arr. Larson

Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus
Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy
Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

Christmas Cantata

“The Glory of Christmas” by Lloyd Larson
Narrators: Mary Lou Ware & Tom Bennett

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Joy to the World
—arr. Forrest/Wagner

**Responses in Bold*



12/24/23 Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00am.

12/24/23 Come join us for our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7 pm.

Please note: On Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Service there will be no nursery available.

Save the Date for the 2024 Methodist Women's Parade of Tables on Saturday, January 20! If you would like to sponsor a table or purchase tickets, please see Marie Brinkley or Elaine Dixon. Proceeds for this event will benefit local charities. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumkm.org.

Methodist Women of Kings Mountain Host: Mercy House Global "Share The Light" event on Saturday, February 10, 2024, in the CAC. Mercy House Global exists to rescue girls and empower families so that we can redeem future generations in Jesus' name. We work with women around the world through partnerships and sustainable Fair Trade product development. Every purchase made in the Fair Trade online marketplace provides dignified work while also sustaining our two maternity homes in Kenya.

This will be an immersive Mercy House Global experience. With a powerful message from our founder, a Fair Trade Pop Up Shop, and a coinciding candle class and volunteer project, this event gives guests a unique glimpse into the work of MHG and how they can be a part of how God is empowering vulnerable families around the world! Tickets are \$25 each. More details will come soon; you do not want to miss this event! Contact Audrey Brooks 404-274-1758 for more information.

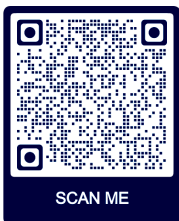
2024 Ushers and Greeters Needed We are looking for ushers and greeters for Sunday Morning Worship at Central. This is a ministry that can help our church grow, and we need your help. We are currently working on the usher and greeter calendar for the upcoming year, and we are in need of 4 volunteers each month. There are many spots available, so please consider volunteering. You can contact Joe Patterson or the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!

Missions Day Senior's Winter Party at Summit Place Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 2:00-3:30 pm All church members are invited to attend and fellowship with the seniors. We will be having snacks, crafts, games, and prayer with the seniors at Summit Place. If you are planning on attending from the church we ask that you register so that we will know how much material/snacks to buy. Please call the church office 704-739-2471.

KIDS Central & Nursery News Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th and **check in is now at 9:00am** on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org.

Central Youth meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996.



Welcome Visitors!

Scan to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on 12/25/23, 12/26/23, 1/1/24 and 1/15/24.

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Jimmy Warren, Allan Propst **Greeter:** Cecelia Meade

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| STEWARDSHIP REPORT | |
| ATTENDANCE | |
| (12/10) 10:00a Service..... | 108 |
| Operating Fund 2023 | |
| Contributions 12/10 | \$ 13,262.00 |
| Contributions MTD | \$ 18,049.75 |

Sunday Morning Groups

1. Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am CAC, Sunday mornings
- Age: All ages

2. Daughters of Wesley Sunday morning Group

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: 9 am in the Parlor/Bride's room
- Leader: contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net
704-473-9148

3. Pilgrim's Progress Study Sunday Morning Group (will resume in January 2024)

- Leaders: Clyde and Faye Kerns, Jimmy Warren, & Jim Larson
- Time & Location: 8:45am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room
- Leader: contact info: clydekerns@att.net

Weekly Groups

Men's Bible Study

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: Weekly on Tuesdays, 7:30 pm in the Asbury room
- Leader: contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net
704-473-9148
- Description: We are an ongoing small group for men of all ages. Dedicated to studying God's word as it is shared to us in the Bible. We meet for fellowship and worship in a safe and non-judgmental environment. We recognize and appreciate that not everyone is at the same level in their Biblical study, and we work together to make God's word understood and relevant for each of us in our lives

●Mary's Breakfast Brunch

- Leader: Betty Masters
- Time and location: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. Location is Linwood Restaurant: 805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.
 - Will resume meeting in **January 2024**
 - Leader: contact info: 704-739-2653

Weekly Prayer Partners

- Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller kayla@cmkm.org
Time and Location: Tuesday 12:30pm-1:15pm in the CAC
This will be a time we will spend together in prayer for our church prayers requests, our community, global needs and for one another. Members will be given weekly prayer assignments.

We want to thank you all for your support of our small groups here at Central as well as our small group leader. We pray that this ministry has been a blessing to you. Our semester-based groups will be taking a brief break until the beginning of the new year. Further details for the start of the 1st 2024 semester are to come. In the meantime, please feel free to join any of our Ongoing small groups or Sunday morning small groups. You can find a list of these in your weekly bulletin. If you are interested in leading a small group during the 1st 2024 semester, please reach out to Kayla at kayla@cmkm.org.

Prayer List: Praises and Concerns

Please note names will stay on list for one month unless otherwise requested— Contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to have names added/or removed from the prayer list.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; John Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; SSG Colby Bailey—Army; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

Praises: The growth of our church; Birth of Ozzi Kate Styers, granddaughter of Vince & Jada Rees; daughter of Nash & Macey Styers on 12/3/23.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell (fall) 11.17.23; Dana Potter (guidance in life decisions) 11.28.23; Marty Stallings (hospital) 12.12.23.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Tony Donadio (Uncle of Carol Velky) 8.29.23; Haley Judd (healing) 9.5.23.; Mary Donadio 10.3.23; Jamie Keever (chemo treatments), cousin of Audrey Brooks 8.29.23; Kathy Rogers (chemo treatments) 10.24.23; Tim Best (healing) 10.24.23; Sarah Margaret White (death) mother of Debby Ray and Ashley Kerns 11.4.23, Tina Melvin, (death) mother of Nikki Van Dyke 11.7.23; Charlene Maxey 11.14.23; Travis 11.28.23; The Danner Family 11.28.23; Dan Dixon (death) brother of Greg Dixon & Teresa Williams 11.30.23; Keith Falls 12.7.23; Marsha Bristow 12.12.23.